

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, prior to the "Technical Field" section, please insert the following:

--Cross-Reference To Related Applications

This application is a National Stage entry of PCT/CA03/02002, filed December 22, 2003, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/436,022, filed December 23, 2002.--

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or provide motivation to form a brazed heat exchanger assembly comprising a composition of elements structurally related as set forth in claim(s) 4. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach or provide motivation to form a combination of exchanger fins and exchanger tubes of the compositions claimed. Of particular note,

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the prior art of record fails to show or provide motivation to form such a combination wherein the Mn content of the tube is greater than the Mn content of the fin – 0.8 wt%.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON S. AUSTIN whose telephone number is (571)272-8935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Jennifer McNeil can be reached on (571) 272-1540. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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